1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended)   A hybrid stencil printing apparatus comprising:

a stencil-making/printing unit configured to perforate a stencil sheet corresponding to a desired image, to wind the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and to transfer a printing medium to the print drum with pressure, thereby printing the printing medium;

an other-method image-formation unit configured to print the printing medium transferred on a same transfer passage as the stencil-making/printing unit according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit; and

an image-formation unit selection-unit configured to input an original digital image, to determine attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and to allocate each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result[[.]]; The hybrid stencil printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the image-formation unit selection-unit determines whether each image portion of the original digital image is a vector or bit-map image, allocates the vector image portions to the stencil-making/printing unit, and allocates the bit-map image portions to the other-method image-formation unit.

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6. (Currently Amended) <u>A hybrid stencil printing apparatus comprising: a stencil-making/printing unit configured to perforate a stencil sheet corresponding to a desired image, to wind the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and to transfer a printing medium to the print drum with pressure, thereby printing the printing medium;</u>

<u>an other-method image-formation unit configured to print the printing medium transferred on a same transfer passage as the stencil-making/printing unit according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit; and</u>

<u>an image-formation unit selection-unit configured to input an original digital image, to determine attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and to allocate each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result</u>[[.]]<u>; and</u> ~~The hybrid stencil printing apparatus according to claim 1,~~ further comprising:

a manual image allocating unit configured to allocate the image portions of the original digital image selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit manually based on the desires of a user; wherein

the image-formation unit selection-unit determines color attributes of each image portion of the original digital image, determines whether the image portion is a vector or bit-map image, allocates the vector image portions in a color which ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating to the stencil-making/printing unit; allocates the bit-map image portions in a color which the ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating to the other-method image-formation unit; allocates the bit-map image portions in the color which the ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating to the image-formation unit allocated by the

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manual image allocating unit; and allocates the vector image portions in the color which the ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating to the image-formation unit allocated by the manual image allocating unit.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended)   A method for controlling a hybrid stencil printing apparatus, the hybrid stencil printing apparatus including a stencil-making/printing unit and an other-method image-formation unit, the method comprising:

inputting an original digital image, determining attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and allocating each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result;

perforating a stencil sheet corresponding to the image allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, winding the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and transferring a printing medium to the print drum with pressure and thereby printing the printing medium, in the stencil-making/printing unit; and

printing the image allocated to the other-method image-formation unit on the printing medium according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit in the other-method image-formation unit[[.]]; ~~The method according to claim 8,~~ wherein

in said allocation of the image portion, whether each image portion of the original digital image is vector or bit-map image

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is determined, the vector image portions are allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, and the bit-map image portions are allocated to the other-method image-formation unit.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a hybrid stencil printing apparatus, the hybrid stencil printing apparatus including a stencil-making/printing unit and an other-method image-formation unit, the method comprising:

inputting an original digital image, determining attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and allocating each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result;

perforating a stencil sheet corresponding to the image allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, winding the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and transferring a printing medium to the print drum with pressure and thereby printing the printing medium, in the stencil-making/printing unit; and

printing the image allocated to the other-method image-formation unit on the printing medium according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit in the other-method image-formation unit[[.]]; and ~~The method according to claim 8,~~ further comprising:

manually allocating the image portions in the original digital image selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the desires of a user; wherein

in said allocation of the image portion, color attributes of each image portion of the original digital image are determined, whether the image is of a vector or of bit-map image is determined, the vector image portions in a color which ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating are

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allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, the bit-map image portions of a color which the ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating are allocated to the other-method image-formation unit, the bit-map image portions in the color which the ink of the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating are allocated to the image-formation unit allocated by the manual image allocation, and the vector image portions in the color which the ink of the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating are allocated to the image-formation unit allocated by the manual image allocation.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended)   A computer-readable recording medium, recording a program for controlling a hybrid stencil printing apparatus, the hybrid stencil printing apparatus including a stencil-making/printing unit and an other-method image-formation unit, the program comprising:
    inputting an original digital image, determining attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and allocating each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result;
    perforating a stencil sheet corresponding to the image allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, winding the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and transferring a printing medium to the print drum with pressure and thereby printing the printing medium, in the stencil-making/printing unit; and

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printing the image allocated to the other-method image-formation unit on the printing medium according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit in the other-method image-formation unit[[.]]_;_ ~~The recording medium according to claim 13,~~

the program wherein in said allocation of the image portion, whether each image portion of the original digital image is vector or bit-map image is determined, the vector image portions are allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, and the bit-map image portions are allocated to the other-method image-formation unit.

16. (Currently Amended) _A computer-readable recording medium, recording a program for controlling a hybrid stencil printing apparatus, the hybrid stencil printing apparatus including a stencil-making/printing unit and an other-method image-formation unit, the program comprising:_

inputting an original digital image, determining attributes of image portions of the inputted original digital image, and allocating each image portion selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the determination result;

perforating a stencil sheet corresponding to the image allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, winding the stencil sheet around an outer peripheral surface of a print drum, and transferring a printing medium to the print drum with pressure and thereby printing the printing medium, in the stencil-making/printing unit; and

printing the image allocated to the other-method image-formation unit on the printing medium according to a different printing method from the stencil-making/printing unit in the other-method image-formation unit[[.]]_;_ ~~The recording medium according to claim 13,~~ the program further comprising:

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manually allocating the image portions in the original digital image selectively to the stencil-making/printing unit and the other-method image-formation unit based on the desires of a user; wherein

in said allocation of the image portion, color attributes of each image portion of the original digital image are determined, whether the image portion is of a vector or of bit-map image is determined, the vector image portions in a color which ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating are allocated to the stencil-making/printing unit, the bit-map image portions in a color which the ink in the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating are allocated to the other-method image-formation unit, the bit-map image portions in the color which the ink of the stencil-making/printing unit is capable of treating are allocated to the image-formation unit allocated by the manual image allocation, and the vector image portions in the color which the ink of the stencil-making/printing unit is incapable of treating are allocated to the image-formation unit allocated by the manual image allocation.

17. (cancelled)